

OPINION 1181

MICRODRYAS LASERON, 1950 (MOLLUSCA, GASTROPODA)
DESIGNATION OF A TYPE SPECIES

RULING.— (1) Under the plenary powers, all designations of type species hitherto made for the nominal genus *Microdryas* Laseron, 1950, are hereby set aside and the nominal species *Epigrus iravadioides* Gatliff & Gabriel, 1913, is designated as type species of that genus.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *Microdryas* Laseron, 1950 (gender: feminine), type species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Epigrus iravadioides* Gatliff & Gabriel, 1913 (Name Number 2121);
- (b) *Subestea* Cotton, 1944 (gender: feminine), type species, by original designation, *Alvania seminodosa* May, 1916 (Name Number 2122).

(3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *iravadioides* Gatliff & Gabriel, 1913, as published in the binomen *Epigrus iravadioides* (specific name of type species of *Microdryas* Laseron, 1950 (Name Number 2745);
- (b) *australiae* Frauenfeld, 1867, as published in the binomen *Cingula australiae* (the valid name, at the date of this ruling, for the type species of *Subestea* Cotton, 1944) (Name Number 2746).

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2121

Correspondence on several subjects with Dr W.F. Ponder (*Australian Museum, Sydney*) during 1975 led to the receipt of an application for the determination of the type species of *Microdryas* Laseron, 1950 on 21 April 1975. The genus is one based on a misidentified type species. The application was sent to the printer on 16 May 1975 and published on 22 September 1975 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 32, p. 192. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to five general serials and to four malacological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 9 April 1980 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1980)14 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 32, p. 192. At the close of the voting period on 9 July 1980 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-two, received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Vokes, Corliss, Brinck, Trjapitzin, Willink, Mroczkowski, Hahn, Bayer, Starobogatov, Habe, Sabrosky, Halvorsen, Nye, Alvarado, Binder, Cogger, Dupuis, Tortonese, Welch, Bernardi

Negative Vote — Kraus

No voting papers were returned by Heppell and Ride.

The following comments were sent in by members of the Commission with their voting papers:

Kraus: 'There is no statement by the applicant indicating that the genus in question, described not earlier than 1950, has a more general importance. To a considerable extent the problem seems to trouble specialists on RISSOIDAE of the Australian region.'

Sabrosky: 'A case of misidentified type species for treatment under Article 70, although this is not mentioned in the application.'

Cogger: 'Although in agreement with the solution proposed by the applicant to overcome the problem created by a misidentified type species, he appears to be in error in his contention that in upholding the original type-species designation the genus *Microdryas* "would be reduced to a synonym of *Subestea*". On the contrary, *Microdryas* would become the senior synonym and so not only leave the *iravadioides* group without an available generic name, but in addition bring about a presumably unwanted replacement of *Subestea* by *Microdryas*.'

Bernardi: 'Oui, parce que les "*australiae*" qui étaient sous les yeux de Laseron, 1950 étaient des *iravadioides*.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references to names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

australiae, *Cingula*, Frauenfeld, 1867, *Reise der Fregatte Novara um die Erde, 1857-59*, Zool. Theil, vol. 2 (3), Mollusca, p. 14
iravadioides, *Epigrus*, Gatliff & Gabriel, 1913, *Proc. roy. Soc. Victoria* N.S. vol. 26 (1), p. 67

Microdryas Laseron, 1950, *Rec. Australian Mus.* vol. 22 (3), p. 277
Subestea Cotton, 1944, *Trans. roy. Soc. S. Australia*, vol. 69, p. 292

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on V.P.(80)14 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1181.

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Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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